

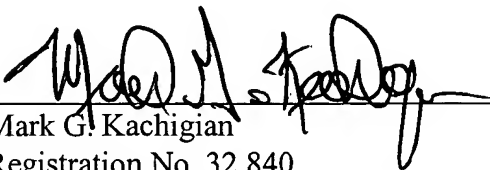
REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 26, 2004 has been fully considered by the Applicant. The indication that Claims 13 through 15 are allowed and that Claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim, and that Claims 10, 12 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 112 rejection is gratefully acknowledged.

The claim objections and issues under Section 112 have been addressed by amendments to the claims. The limitations of Claim 3 have been incorporated into Claim 1 and Claim 3 has been canceled. The limitations of Claim 10 have been incorporated into Claim 9 and Claim 10 has been canceled.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, a telephone conference with the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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